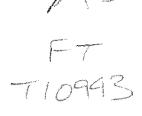


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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Major General Stephen G. Wood, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Major General Wood as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Air Force and appointment to lieutenant general. Major General Wood is projected for promotion upon the assumption of this position.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee



